## CROOKS and THEIR WAYS

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Edward W. Dunlap come of a fine southern family and received a good education. Little more than a boy when the civil war broke out, he enlisted in the Union ranks and served with credit. Toward the close he entered the enlistment service, and his criminal career began by the robbery of \$4000, for which a provest marshal was unjustly convicted and ventenced.

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## CHAPTER XXIX (Continued)

HE organized gangs of bank burglars, of which I have previously spoken, have, of late years, entirely disappeared. A quarter of a century ago there work, in the United States, the most skillful hank men in the world. Probably the best of the whole lot were Charlle Adams, alias Langdon W, Moore, who is now a resident of Boston, Mass.; Adam Worth, who lately died in England; Joe Killeran, who was also called Joe Howard; Max Shinburn, who, in his old age, is inishing what is practically a life sentence; Jim Brady, Hig Frank McCoy, Red Leary, Jim Dunlap, who, as I write these lines, have just got out of Joliet Brady, Big Frank McCoy, Red Leary, Jim Dunlan, who, as I write these lines, have just got out of Jollet Panitentiary; Banjo Pete Emerson, Johnnie Dobbs, Piano Charlie Bullard, and Jimmie Hope. I have spoken et all these men in a previous chapter. They robbed banks to the extent of millions, and did not confine their depredations to the United States, for some of them committed famous burglaries in France, Belgium, Germany and England. I regard this group of men as containing some of the ablest criminals that have ever lived.

When it was determined to rob a bank, a man of training, experience and ability would organize a gang to do it; and he would become the captain or absolute boss of the undertaking. He would select his companious, and they would obey him implicitly. The men he wanted had to be skillful, energetic, courageous, determined and rapid in execution. They were obliged to be men that could, absolutely and beyond doubt, keep their mouths shut. The captain might plan the whole thing, or he might take his gang into consultation with him. into consultation with him.

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Every gang had to have with it one or more men of the very highest mechanical ability. It was also considered advisable to have a man who possessed a broad and exact knowledge of securities, and could tell at a glance which would be valuable and which would be useless to a thief. The man who watched outside did not require mechanical ability, but must have tast and judgment, so that he would not get rattled when nothing was wrong, and would not be so dumb as to disregard an obvious danger.

Banks were never robbed guddenly and haphazard; the plot was always carefully formed, and endless patience was exercised in preparing for the job, Sometimes the gang would expend a large sum of money and months, or even years, of time in getting ready for a big crack. For instance, Max Shinburn and Jinmie Hope, who robbed the Ocean Bank, of New York city, of about \$1,000,000 in money and convertible paper, claborately prepared for the job. They hired a ceilarway beneath the bank, and pretended to have a business there. They put up a partition and the safe. I have already told how the Boylston Bank,



plesion is momentary; and if a correct amount of gun-powder is used, the noise is not great. The people in the neighborhood may hear a muttled roar; but it is not repeated, and they do not recognize its source. The roar can be mitigated by closing all the doors and covering the safe with rugs and blankets. The burghars retire, usually going altogether outside, while waiting for the explosion, and they do not go in again until they find that no one has been attracted by the noise.

The tools required to open a large safe are expensive and somewhat bulky—unless explosives are used, when few tools need be carried. Those used must be of the very finest tempor, and there were only used, when few tools need be carried. Those used must be of the very finest temper, and there were only a few men in the United States who could be trusted to make bank burglars' tools. Of course, the easiest way for a burglar to open a safe is for him to know the combination. If, by any means, he can learn this, the problem is extremely simple. One method of obtaining this information is torture. Occasionally the combination can be obtained by means of finesse; and it is said (I believe, with truth) that in one notable case in recent years, the president of the bank was persuaded by a beautiful woman to make her name the combination. After this had been done, the beautiful woman, for a solid cash consideration, contributed this information to the thieves.

In these memoirs, I have shown how I began crime as a hotel man and then agame a gopher man, recognized throughout the country as a good one, and working with the best mgn in that line; yet I always preferred house burglary. It had a remarkable attraction for me. It fascinated me, as did gambling; but much more strongly. The risk of it seemed to lure me on, and for many years my only racket was the house. Its excitement and danger made this form of burglary a calling with an interest beyond any other in the business. It geems odd that I, who could do most kinds of graft and do them well, should choose the most dangerous and one of the least remunerative.

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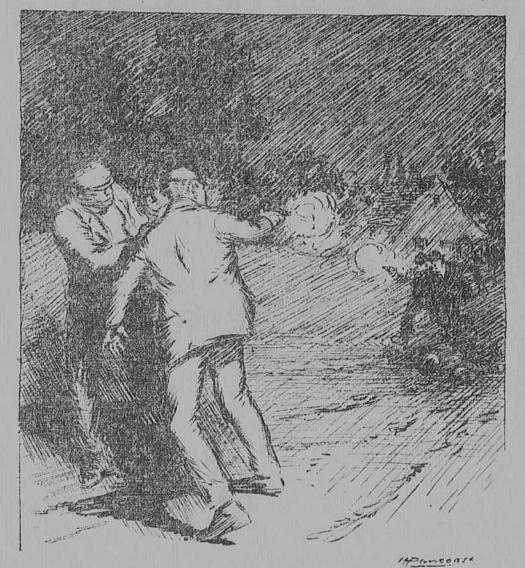
The house burglar 'may pick up a house hap-hasard—simply walking about until he sees one that suits him, and then going into it; but this, it is needless to say, is much more dangerous than making a carefully planned crack. It is best to select carefully, in advance, the house to be entered; and to know everything possible about the inmates—their habits, their valuables, their burglar alarms, and their dogs. One should also be familiar with the light and dark sides of the house, the kind of paliceman on the beat, and whether he can be corrupted, the length of beat, the hours the policeman passes, and the nearness of

One should also be familiar with the light and dark sides of the house, the kind of paliceman on the beat, and whether he can be corrupted, the length of beat, the heurs the peliceman passes, and the nearness of the pelice patrol box. A nearby patrol box means the frequent presence of an officer, who comes to call up the station house at assigned times. It may be necessary to lure away, steal or polson an outside or an inside dog. I have never done either. I like dogs and never harm them, and they never harm me. I have always walked fearlessly in, no matter how angry the dog might appear; and I have never failed to sooth him, and have never been bitten.

Sometimes it it is possible to make a house robbery a "put-up job"; that is, to get one of the servants in it. She can leave some specified point unlocked, and can indicate the location of the valuables. The old-time burglar was rather fond of sending an attractive man in advance to make love to one of the servants and thus get her in it. As we learn in Oliver Twist, "flash" Toby Crackit was sent ahead of Bill Sikes to make love to the housemaid list, it is, however, very dangerous to take annateurs into jobs; and it is particularly dangerous to let in wome of the servants and thus get her in it. As we consider the man of the servant of of the s

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street house cigars that would disgrace Water street, and have drunk in an Oak Lane residence whisky that would peison a longshoreman. I have unintentionally aroused men who were in rooms in which they did not belong, and they were quite as anxious to escape detection as was I. I have encountered the master of a house, loaded up with alcohol, his clothes removed, using the dining-room table as a bed, and the table cover as his bedclothes, quite convinced that he was in his own room. I have stumbled on a cook entertaining company at 3 o'clock in the morning, and have known a maid to fly into a closet, and a policeman that was visiting her to sail out of the back door, under the impression that I was the boss coming down to catch them.

The result of my experience is that most men are cowards when they meet a burgiar; and in being so, they are extremely wise. The rough, tough, to-wdown burgiar may kill wantonly, the high-grade professional will also kill, but only if he has to. The house owner will, therefore, be wise nu to create the necessity. He had better make a noise, call for help, and give the burgiar a good clance to leave. When the latter knows that he has been heard his greatest wish is to leave, and to leave quickly, and, if not interfered with, he will, promptly get out. If, however, he is interfered with, he will, therefore, be burgiars, however, will and the case of a term in jail, but not of having the the chances of a term in jail, but not of having the rope around tileft neck. Most burgiars, however, who knows that he will get a long sealer of a term in jail, but not of having the rope around tileft neck. Most burgiars, however, who knows that he will get a long sealer of a term in joil, but not of having the rope around tileft neck. Most burgiars, however, will shoot rather than be caught. An old effender, who knows that he will get a long sealer of a term in joil, but not of having the rope around tileft neck. Most burgiars, however will not shoot, even to escape apture. They say that they will

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Water I told him the window was all right, he asked me to stand by the tree and watch until he came back. He told me, however, that if I heard a noise in the house, I should come to the window, and, if necessary, I should come inside to help him get away.

Billy had been in the house about half an hour when I have footsteps, which I believed to belong on, quite I have to colock a "Charlle." In this I was not mistaken, but he could not see me on account of the tree. His dox, however, one of the whitet breed, scented me and commenced to bark furiously, coming toward the tree. Here was a fix, but I had to face it and take chances; at I was so I came out from under the tree and walked toward the "Charlle," my right hand bolding a pistol up my sleeve. I hade him a cordial "good morning," but he did not seem to receive this salutation in an agreedid not seem to receive this salutation in an agreeable manner; for he gruffly demanded what I was doing there, I pleasantly answered that I had wandered there by chance. "Where do you live?" he asked. "Allegheny City." I replied. "Whom do you know over there?" he then inquired. I mentioned several prominent men.

them. It is well for a burglar to remember that no dog at night will face a sudden flash of light, especially if the light is carried by a stranger, but will at once turn and go away; and that, if he is followed for a short distance, the light being kept full upon him, will not return to annoy any one. This maneuver is always practiced with dors encountered outside. I once entered a house in Delaware county, Pa.; went in by a window, and passed to the kitchen. There I found a huge Newfoundishad lying on the floor. As I went in, he slowly raised his head and gave an uninous growl; but I stood perfectly still and talked to him for several minutes in a low tone. We eyed each other, then he gave a yawn and a wag of his tail. That wag said to me "We are friends"; and so we were, antil I bade him "good morning." I showed my appreciation of his kindness by feeding him with some excellent sirloin that the madam had put by for breakfast. Shortly after this affair, I was arrested; and the owner of the dog told me that before the robbery he had always believed that the dog would tear a stranger literally to pieces. His neighbora quizzed him so about his watchdog that he gave it away. quizzed him so about his watchdog that he gave it

Even a cat will sometimes make trouble, as a big Tom once did for me. I found this feline comfortably stretched out before an open-grate fire. He seemed very glad to meet me, and rubbed against my leg in order to show that he uppreciated my visit. I have always been fond of animals, so I picked him up in my arms and caressed him. Then I set him down again. When I went into the dining room and was sorting the good silver from the spurious, he sat up on the table, interested and purring. I could not keep him off. After I had packed up the silverware I went upstairs, and found that the cat was coming up right at my beels. It did not occur to me that he would make me any trouble.

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I located the room in which the heads of the house were sleeping and, by putting my ear close to the door, I could hear their regular breathing. I unlocked the door with the key nippers, and then slewly and cautiously opened it. When I had got it open just a few inches, that infernal cat, with a miauw loud enough to wake the dead, gave the door a shove that crashed it inward, entered the room, jumped on the bed and immediately awoke both the man and the woman. They began to talk about the fact that the door was open, and wondered how the cat could have got in. I was keeping perfectly still all the time. The woman told the man that she knew she had locked the door on retiring. The man jumped out of bed, turned up the light, and seeing the door open, commenced to shout for Henry. I flew downstairs, breathing anathemas upon the cat.

I was more than sorry for this mishap, for I knew that the room I had entered contained several thousand dollars' worth of diamonds belonging to the mistress, while the master had a superb stud and a

treas, while the master had a superb stud and a valuable watch; but the cat had avec the family. All I got away with was the family plate, which I had grasped as I departed and a small pitcher or milk and a plece of pie, which I had consumed before going

A burglar, like a member of any other guild, possesses individual characteristics that may distinguish his work from that of others. Hence, it often



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thousands of dollars; but they blew in every cent of the fortune and died poor.

Nearly all the prominent men above-mentioned inve passed away. Other times have come upon us, and the old-time crook is out of date. Safes are still beaten, and more easily even than was dene by the old masters. The yeageman could give even the beat of the old-timers many points in the game that would surprire them. Sectional Jimmies, pullers, and gunpower have been relegated to the past. At the preent day, a twist drill and a few ounces of high explosive, and the job is accomplished almost as soon as it was begun.

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